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Solid Zirconia Crowns

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Whenever any of my patients require a full-cast restoration on posterior teeth, I usually use porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) crowns because their clinical track record is well established. However, recently I had a patient fracture the porcelain off of a crown on a molar. This particular patient was also a bruxer so I decided to change their restoration to a solid zirconia or BruxZir crown. The esthetics were excellent and you could not see any difference between the zirconia crown and the adjacent natural teeth.

The BruxZir crown can also be cemented in the same manner as a traditional PFM so that present crown cementation materials and techniques do not have to be changed. Since that case, I have placed a number of BruxZir crowns instead of PFMs as far anterior as first premolars and have had the same high level of esthetics as in the first case. For anyone who has been hesitant to place solid zirconia crowns because of concerns about esthetics, I believe you and your patients will be pleasantly surprised by just how beautiful these restorations can be.

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